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Notice of Decision December 10, 2002

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*Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation, POB 201601, Helena, MT 59620-1601

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*State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), PO Box 201202, Helena, MT 59620-1202
*MT State Library, PO BOX 201800, Helena, MT 59620-1800
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for a stream restoration project on Harvey Creek near Bearmouth, Montana. The project includes channel renaturalization, placement of habitat improvement structures and the revegetation of the riparian area. The project will improve riparian conditions, reduce sediment inputs and improve the channel aesthetics. This project will improve spawning, rearing and overwintering adult habitat and increase bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout recruitment from the Clark Fork River.

The draft EA was circulated for 30 days and a cultural resource evaluation has been completed; no resources of concern were found. I have decided to proceed with the project as described in the EA. This project is subject to appeal, which must be submitted, in writing, to the FWP Director and postmarked within 30 days of the date on this decision notice. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, feel free to contact Eric Reiland at 406-542-5520.

Sincerely,

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Mack Long Regional Supervisor